

part of the amount thus claimed was allowed by the officers of the Government, but declined by him on the ground that the *whole* amount was justly due.

Finding these facts, the committee beg leave respectfully to refer the whole subject back to the House for its consideration. They do not feel certain that they have power under the laws of the State to bring in a bill to appropriate money to pay the claim, though it appears certain that the petitioner is justly entitled to it from some source.

Respectfully submitted.

R. B. McCoy, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Ridgaway,

The report was referred back to the committee, with instructions to report a bill for the payment of the amount demanded.

Mr. Trail, from the committee on Militia, reported, with an amendment, Senate bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the presentation of regimental flags to Maryland regiments in the service of the United States;"

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Jones, from the committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably a bill entitled, "An Act to authorize the issuing of new bonds in substitution of certain bonds heretofore authorized to be issued by the Tide-Water Canal Company and the Susquehanna Canal Company;"

Which was read the first time.

Also, favorably, a bill entitled, "An Act to appropriate a sum of money to aid the Union Relief Association, of Baltimore;"

Which was read the first time.

Also, unfavorably Senate bill entitled, "An Act to release from the payment of interest, the sureties on the official bond of the late Joseph H. Cooksey, late Clerk for Charles county, in the years eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and eighteen hundred and fifty-nine;"

Which was read the second time.

Also, unfavorably Senate bill entitled, "An Act to release from payment of interest, the sureties on the official bond of Joshua Macaulay, collector of State taxes for Howard county, in the years eighteen hundred and fifty-five and eighteen hundred and fifty-six;"

Which was read the second time.